

South Australian French Teachers' Association Awards for Excellence

This year, SAFTA is proud to announce the inaugural **SAFTA Awards for Excellence**. These awards will recognise the outstanding contribution and efforts that members of SAFTA make to the teaching and learning of French.

The awards will be presented in term 4 2008 to coincide with CEASA World Teachers' Day celebrations. Members of **SAFTA** from any education sector and at any stage of their career are encouraged to apply.



The SAFTA Awards for Excellence will be presented in three categories:

SAFTA Award for Excellence: Educational theory and practice

The SAFTA award for excellence in educational theory and practice will be awarded for the first time in 2008, to a teacher who engages with current theories of education, who models and promotes inclusive teaching practice and who utilises effective teaching practices which improve learning outcomes for all students.

SAFTA Award for Excellence: Promotion of inter-cultural understandings

The SAFTA award for excellence in the promotion of inter-cultural understandings will be awarded for the first time in 2008, to a teacher who has demonstrated outstanding efforts in developing inter-cultural understandings in their students. This teacher has demonstrated ongoing commitment to promoting school/community awareness of the French speaking world, developing links with French speakers both here and overseas, and encouraging reflection about languages and cultures.

SAFTA Award for Excellence: Development of strong professional relationships and contribution to the French teaching community.

The SAFTA award for excellence in developing strong professional relationships and contribution to the French teaching community, will be awarded for the first time in 2008 to a teacher who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the French teaching community by establishing and/or maintaining professional relationships with other French language teachers. This teacher is involved in committees, working groups or other networks, which assist colleagues in the teaching of French in South Australia.

Criteria for selection

A statement should accompany each category for which the person is nominated. This might include the following evidence:

- Lesson or unit planner
- A supporting statement by students/parents/colleagues
- A list of professional developments to which the nominee has contributed in some way with outcomes for theory and practice, intercultural understandings or professional relationships as appropriate.
- A statement of committee roles/tasks, lengths of service verified by a statement from another member of a professional group

The panel will be looking for a description of **what** the applicant has done, **how** they've done it and what the **outcomes** are.

Terms and conditions:

- Teachers may nominate themselves or be nominated (*with consent*) by another educator.
- Nominees must be a current financial member of SAFTA.
- If applying for different categories of the award, nominees must apply separately for **each** one.
- All nominees are to provide the name of one referee in their application.
- Nominees are asked to use the application form which can be downloaded from the SAFTA website: <http://www.safta.org.au>
- Supporting evidence that you wish to be returned must be clearly labelled with the applicant's name and contact details. A stamped self-addressed envelope should be enclosed for the return of this supporting evidence.
- Applications must be submitted by 5pm Wednesday 24th of September, 2008.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- The Award recipients will be asked for permission to publish photographs, names and school contact details on the SAFTA website and to allow photographs to be used for future promotion of this award.
- The principal from the school of each award recipient will be contacted.
- For clarification please contact SAFTA President, Christina Emblem at president@safta.org.au

Application process post submission:

- Each application will be assessed individually and recommendations made on merit, by a panel appointed by SAFTA.
- The decision of the panel will be final and no further discussion will be entered into.
- Presentations will take place at a function organised by CEASA to celebrate World Teachers Day and in conjunction with a wide range of teaching associations.

Please send all completed nomination forms to:

Awards for Excellence
SAFTA
PO Box 192
Highgate
SA 5063

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Wednesday 24th of September, 2008



**South Australian French Teachers' Association
Awards for Excellence
Nomination application**



(This form must be submitted with application)

Name of Nominee: _____

Current Worksite of Nominee (if applicable): _____

Current Principal (if applicable): _____

Contact address:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Date of SAFTA membership payment _____

Award category/categories for nomination: _____

Please list **one** other person who will act as a referee on behalf of the nominee.

Name of referee _____

Current site _____

Contact number _____

Name of applicant (if different from nominee) _____

Contact details of applicant: phone: _____ email _____

Please attach the following information to form part of the application:

- Statement(s) addressing the selection criteria. (Maximum 2 pages per nomination please)
- Supporting evidence for this nominee. (Please see terms and conditions)

I have read, understood and agree with the terms and conditions that form part of the SAFTA Awards for Excellence

I give permission for SAFTA to publish my name, photo, and school contact details on the SAFTA website and to use photographs for future promotion of this award.

I give permission for SAFTA to publish curriculum and photographic evidence on the SAFTA website.